

**Community of Care Advisory Council**  
**Application / Nomination Form**

Attach up to one additional page as needed. Return to DeDe Sieler at Clark County Department of Community Services, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000; 360-397-2130; fax 360-397-6028.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State & ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination for: (Please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Organization Representative\* \_\_\_\_\_ Family/Youth/Community Representative  
(\*Be sure to complete question 4 & 5 if submitting for Community Organization Representative)

***Please review the reverse side of this application for information on the nomination process and on the responsibilities of Council members.***

1. How will you support the mission of the Advisory Council? (See reverse side for Mission.)

2. What goals do you seek to achieve through holding office?

3. What qualifications do you have to support the mission and achieve those goals?

4. If nominated for Community Organizations Representative, what community organization would you represent? \_\_\_\_\_ (See #4 on reverse side.)

5. In what way are you qualified to represent this organization?

**The mission of the Community of Care Advisory Council (COCAC)** is to build and sustain a community of care for children with serious emotional disturbance and their families in Clark County.

The COCAC brings together families, public and private agencies, community leaders and concerned persons of Clark County to work cooperatively to create the conditions that promote and encourage the healthy development of children and youth. It values a community where formal and informal systems are family and youth focused and driven, culturally sensitive, culturally based, individualized and strengths based.

#### **Community of Care Advisory Council Membership**

1. Membership on the COCAC entails certain responsibilities as listed below. Persons considering running for the Council should be prepared to assume these responsibilities.

##### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

The Advisory Council is responsible for providing leadership which specifically addresses the following:

- system development and change,
- resource development,
- sustainability of best practice efforts,
- allocation and management,
- system of care policy

2. The Advisory Council shall meet at least four times each year, and members are expected to attend the Annual General Membership meeting.

3. No member shall be nominated to serve on the Advisory Council unless that member has been fully informed about the duties and responsibilities of the Council and has agreed to accept the duties and responsibilities if elected.

4. All nomination forms shall include the name and address of the person being nominated and shall indicate how that person would support the mission of the Advisory Council. It may further indicate what goals the person seeks to achieve through holding office and what qualifications that person has to support the mission and achieve those goals.

5. Nominations for the Community Organizations positions shall also include a statement of which of the organizations listed below the nominee will represent and by what authority the nominee makes that representation. The nominee need not be specifically selected or authorized by any organization, but must indicate to what degree and by what knowledge such representation is made.

##### *Community organizations:*

5 members shall be elected representatives, for 2-year terms, from agencies or groups which relate to or have an interest in children and families, which may include:

Youth Organizations  
Business  
Health Services  
Service Providers  
Law Enforcement  
The Faith Community  
Community Organizations  
Other similar groups